on Orissa sincce the beginning of Eighth Five Year Plan are Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Development of Women and Children in Rural (DWCRA) and Supply of Improved Tool-kits to Rural Artisans (SITRA).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Achievement under various Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Orissa since beginning of Eighth Five Year Plan

PLAN YEARS

Programme	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
MWS (No. of wells constructed)	21126	21324	26113	24263	18349	15798	3696
EAS Launched (No. of mandays of in Oct. employment in lakhs)		31.43	281.24	311.06	439.36	382.14	95.69
DWCRA (no. of groups formed)	208	330	736	1730	2094	1730	1024
SITRA (No. of persons provided with improved toolkits)	2000	1381	3443	8586	14453	7067	4097

**upto October 1998

Surplus land involved in court litigation

2768. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH " OJHA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise areas of land declared surplus under land ceiling laws involved in court litigation as on 1st April, 1998; and

(b) the guidelines to the States* for speedy disposal of cases pending in the courts so that surplus land is distributed among the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PAT1L): (a) A statement showing State-wise areas of land declared surplus and ' involved in litigation as on 1st April, 1998, is enclosed as statement (see below).

(b) The progress relating to speedy disposal of cases pending in the courts has been reviewed at various fora including recently concluded Revenue Minister's Conference held on 17th Sept., 1998. The States, where pendency of litigation cases is higher have been advised to set up Land Tribunal under Article 323 B of the Constitution of India. The States have also been advised to request respective Hon'ble High courts to set up Special Benches for quick disposal of ceiling cases. The states were also impressed upon to activate their administrative machinaries for speedy disposal of cases which are pending in the revenue courts.

Statement

SI. No.	Name of the State	Area Declared surplus	Total Areas involved in litigation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	791099	142956
2.	Assam	612380	38461
3.	Bihar	415447	86425
4.	Gujarat	231330	71121
5.	Haryana	93347	5824
6.	Himachal Pradesh	282581	929
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	455575	0
8.	Karnataka	267758	135050
9.	Kerala	137973	27268
10.	Madhya Pradesh	338778	49631
11.	Maharashtra	730306	34491
12.	Manipur	1830	54
13.	Orissa	177535	11213
14.	Punjab	222594	119000
15.	Rajasthan	611009	72864
36	Tamil Nadu	194656	18482
17.	Tripura	1995	58
18.	Uttar Pradesh	69400	52635
19.	West Bengal	1350538	191417
26	D & N Haveli	9406	149
21.	Delhi	1132	183
22	Pondicherry	2326	1071
	TOTAL	7498997	1059282

Utilisation of Funds Uudner EAS

2769. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the under utilisation of funds for Employment Assurance Scheme frustrates aims and objectives of the scheme;

(b) what new steps have been taken up by Government to ensure the full utilisation of funds available with the States within a year under EAS; and

(c) the figure of expenditure in percentage to total available funds State-wise, under employment Assurance Scheme, in the 1996 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABA GOUDA PATIL) (a) and (b) Employment assurance scheme is a demand driven programme. As such, there is neither earmarking of funds nor physical/financial targets under this scheme, Like-wise, the concept of utilisation of funds within a financial year does not apply to this Programme, Districts can claim further instalments at any time after utilising 50% of the available funds.

(e) A statement showing the details of the total funds available and spent by the States during the year 1998-99 is laid on the Table of the House